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BLM - NPR-A - GMT2 - Support Comment and Recommendation From Alaska State Senator John Coghill's Office

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Dear Sir or Ma'am:

This is Chad Hutchison from Alaska State Senator John Coghill's office. This office has reviewed the material found here: http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/energy/oil_gas/npra/GMTU_proposed_dev_proj.html and is supportive of BLM's attempts to move forward with a second production well in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A).

Many are encouraged to see BLM open further areas in the NPR-A to responsible resource development. Upon statehood, the Congressional vision for Alaska was one of self-sufficiency, resting on a foundation of the state's abundant natural resources. Often friction arises from state residents, as federal land management in Alaska is viewed as unduly restrictive. Here, on the heels of the July 25, 2016 BLM announcement, there is a perception that on this issue, the federal government is moving in the right direction.

BLM has invited the public to provide comment on relevant issues. BLM has also expressed that the expected Supplemental EIS to the Alpine Satellite Development Plan (ASDP) will include new data on climate change.

This office suggests that public notice and review of the new climate change data should be considered. In addition: an executive summary as to the meaning, connection, and effect of climate change and the second production well would assist with public understanding. The source of the data, along with published third party review is also recommended.

Unfortunately, there is concern by many Alaskans that certain federal agencies rely on data generated by agenda-driven environmental organizations. There is a growing perception that environmental NGOs "steer policy" and are quietly invited by those same agencies. To help alleviate those concerns, open transparency (and third party review) of climate change data would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Chad Hutchison – Office of Alaska State Senator John Coghill

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